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SUBJECT: FINANCE MINISTER'S VIEWS ON THE MAURITIAN
ECONOMY

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1. THE FOLLOWING ARE FINANCE MINISTER RINGADOO'S VIEWS
ON THE CURRENT STATE OF THE MAURITIAN ECONOMY, WHICH
I SOLICITED AT A MEETING WITH HIM ON AUGUST 26.

2. THERE IS NO "CRISIS" IN THE ECONOMY TODAY, NOR
IS A "CRISIS" IMPENDING. WE ARE PASSING THROUGH A
"DIFFICULT" PERIOD, BUT OUR PROBLEMS ARE TEMPORARY
AND SHOULD BE SOLVED IN THE NEXT TWO TO THREE YEARS.
AN INTERNATIONAL SUGAR AGREEMENT, SHOULD IT BE ACHIEVED
IN SEPTEMBER, WILL HELP TO STABILIZE THE SUGAR PRICE
AND ASSIST OUR OWN PICTURE FOR THE FUTURE. THE GENERAL
WAGE INCREASE ABOUT TO BE GRANTED (THOUGH RINGADOO
DID NOT DISCLOSE ANY DETAILS, IT IS PROBABLY LARGER
THAN HE WANTED TO GRANT) WILL INCREASE THE MONEY
IN CIRCULATION, AND WE WILL THEREFORE HAVE TO TAKE
ADDITIONAL STEPS TO CURB IMPORTS SO THAT THIS INCREASE
IN THE MONEY SUPPLY DOES NOT GET TRANSLATED INTO A
FURTHER DRAIN ON OUR RESERVES OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE.
WE CAN HANDLE THE INCREASE IN DOMESTIC DEMAND, WHICH
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WILL JUST RAISE OUR LOCAL DEFICIT. WE WILL HAVE TO
ASK ADDITIONAL HELP FROM THE IMF IN THE MONTHS TO COME,
BECAUSE OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE PROBLEMS, BUT THESE ARE
TEMPORARY AND NOT MAJOR. WE WILL PROBABLY ALSO HAVE
TO DO SOME BORROWING FROM PRIVATE BANKS. WE FINISHED
THE LAST FISCAL YEAR IN A BETTER CONDITION THAN ANTICIPATED
(HE WAS PROBABLY REFERRING TO A LOWER THAN EXPECTED

GOVERNMENT BUDGET DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30,
1977) AND OUR PERFORMANCE IS LIKELY TO BE AS GOOD IN
THE COMING YEAR, DESPITE THE WAGE INCREASE BEING
GRANTED. IN SUM, THERE IS NO CRISIS, BUT SOME
TEMPORARY DIFFICULTIES, AND WE SHALL WEATHER THEM.
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